

Decision \_\_\_\_\_

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Order Instituting Rulemaking Regarding Revisions  
to the California Universal Telephone Service  
(LifeLine) Program.

Rulemaking 11-03-013  
(Filed March 24, 2011)

**ORDER EXTENDING STATUTORY DEADLINE****Summary**

This decision extends the statutory deadline in this proceeding to October 22, 2017.

**1. Background**

Pub. Util. Code § 1701.5(a)<sup>1</sup> provides that quasi-legislative cases shall be resolved within 18 months of the date the scoping memo is issued, unless the Commission establishes an alternative timeline in the Scoping Memo or issues an order extending that deadline.

Several Scoping Memos have been issued in this proceeding. The latest Amended Scoping Memo was issued on December 24, 2015, extending the deadline to June 24, 2017. On June 15, 2017, the Commission in Decision (D.) 17-06-019 further extended the statutory deadline to August 23, 2017. On July 11, 2017, a proposed decision was issued for public review and comments. The proposed decision temporarily suspends portions of D.17-01-032 that revised LifeLine eligibility criteria for the California LifeLine Program until November 1, 2017.

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<sup>1</sup> This proceeding was filed prior to changes made to Pub. Util. Code § 1701.5(a). These changes only apply to cases filed after December 31, 2016.

An order extending that statutory deadline is necessary in order to provide the Commission sufficient time to deliberate on the proposed decision and issue its final decision.

## **2. Waiver of Comment Period**

Under Rule 14.6(c)(4) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, the Commission may reduce or waive the period for public review and comment of proposed decisions extending the deadline for resolving quasi-legislative proceedings. Accordingly, pursuant to this rule, the otherwise applicable 30-day period for public review and comment is waived.

## **3. Assignment of Proceeding**

Martha Guzman Aceves is the assigned Commissioner and Katherine MacDonald is the assigned Administrative Law Judge in this proceeding.

## **Findings of Fact**

1. Several Scoping Memos have been issued in this proceeding. The latest Amended Scoping Memo was issued on December 24, 2015, extending the deadline to June 24, 2017.
2. On June 15, 2017, the Commission in D.17-06-019 further extended the statutory deadline to August 23, 2017.
3. An extension of time until October 22, 2017, is necessary to provide to provide the Commission sufficient time to deliberate on the proposed decision and issue its final decision.

## **Conclusions of Law**

1. The statutory deadline imposed by Public Utilities Code Section 1701.5(a) should be extended until October 22, 2017.
2. This order should be effective immediately.

**IT IS ORDERED** that the statutory deadline in this proceeding is extended until October 22, 2017.

This order is effective today.

Dated \_\_\_\_\_, at Sacramento, California.